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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: The General Mark Clark Task Force.

1. At a meeting in Mr. Kirkpatrick's office at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, 12 November, it was explained how the General Mark Clark Task Force would proceed.

2. General Clark and Colonel Lane will do the DD/P portion of the study. There is some question as to whether Colonel Lane should do the Communications and Training studies because of the close relationship of these two Offices to the Clandestine Services. The decision on this has not yet been reached.

3. Admiral Connally, assisted by Colonel Miller and Messrs. Magruder and Foley, will do the remainder of CIA. They started on the DD/I area (Office of Operations) on 9 November and anticipate that it will take them about six weeks to complete it. They will then proceed with the DD/A area, possibly looking at the Offices of Communications and Training first, and it is estimated that they will begin on or about 1 January 1955.

4. Mr. Carey will insure that either [redacted] is present at all times with these representatives and that a record is kept of significant developments indicating their attitude, etc. In this connection, Mr. Carey reported that members of the Task Force appeared to have preconceived ideas as to whether the Central Intelligence Agency was good or not and had stated that they considered the Doolittle Committee report to be a "whitewash", that they did not believe the Doolittle Committee had looked at us very carefully, and that they definitely intended to do so. He added that at one point Colonel Miller had explained to the Office of Operations his attitude by saying, "You just assume that as far as I am concerned there is no excuse for the existence of a Central Intelligence Agency and prove to me that I am wrong" or words to that effect.

5. At my DD/A Staff Meeting on 12 November I advised those present of the probable schedule for inspection of the DD/A components, emphasized the necessity for avoiding the washing of any of our own dirty linen in front of these people, and, as tactfully as I could, explained that there was some reason to believe that the group already had a preconceived idea as to whether CIA was good or bad.

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